

# **MEDICAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES**

May 7, 2003

The Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee (MLAC) teleconference meeting held at the Bureau of Licensure and Certification, 1550 East College Parkway, Suite 158, Carson City, Nevada, was called to order by Dr. Karen Carifo, Co-Chairman, at 3:05 p.m. on May 7, 2003.

Nancy Janess took roll and noted that all committee members were present with the exception of Elizabeth Jack, M.D. There was a quorum of committee members.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Karen F. Carifo, Ph.D.  
Stacey Lynne Garry, M.D.  
Cynthia Mastick, Ph.D  
Jill Brown, MT (ASCP)  
Sandra Kurtz, MT (ASCP)

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Elizabeth Jack, M.D.  
Louis Dee Brown, M.D., Director of State Lab, Ex Officio

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Jerry Reeves, M.D., State Board of Health Member  
Linda Anderson, Deputy Attorney General  
Pamela Graham, BLC Bureau Chief  
Jennifer Dunaway, Health Facilities Surveyor IV  
Vickie J. Estes, Health Facilities Surveyor III  
Evelyn Sayre, Health Facilities Surveyor II  
Nancy Janess, Administrative Assistant II

**1. Approval of Minutes:** Dr. Garry made a motion, which was seconded by Jill Brown to approve the minutes of March 3, 2003 as presented. The motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2. Discussion and Recommendation to the Board of Health to appoint a Physician to a first term on the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee (MLAC) pursuant to NRS 652.170 (4)(e).** As Dr. Jenson (the outgoing physician representative on MLAC), was unable to accept a second term on this committee, another well qualified physician, Edwin C. Kingsley, M.D. was highly recommended. He had provided his Curriculum Vitae (CV) for the agenda packet. Discussion: Dr. Garry was very pleased to see his name. She said, "He would be excellent." Vickie Estes said that Dr. Kingsley's response to her phone call was that "he would be honored to be on this committee." Per the requirements listed in NRS 652.170 (4)(e), Dr. Kingsley does qualify. Dr. Reeves made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Garry, that Dr. Kingsley be recommended to the Board of Health to serve on the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee (MLAC) per NRS 652.170 (4)(e). The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Discussion and Recommendation to the Board of Health to appoint a Pathologist to a first term on the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee (MLAC) pursuant to NRS 652.170 (4)(a).** As Dr. Jack's second term on this committee will expire June 13, 2003, Susan A. Doberneck, M.D., Pathologist is being recommended for a first term.

Discussion: Dr. Garry mentioned that Dr. Jack would obviously know Susan Doberneck, and it was our loss that Dr. Jack could not attend this meeting today. Both Dr. Garry and Dr. Carifo commented that Susan Doberneck's CV was excellent. Dr. Carifo said that Dr. Jack had highly recommended Susan Doberneck to the committee. Based on this information, Dr. Garry made a motion that was seconded by Jill Brown that the committee recommend Susan Doberneck, M.D., Pathologist to be a member of the MLAC committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public or Committee Comments:**

Vickie Estes commented on the Certificates of Appreciation that Evelyn Sayre and her husband created and produced for the outgoing committee members (Dr. Jack, Dr. Jenson, Dr. Reitz). These will be awarded "In recognition and appreciation for OUTSTANDING dedication to excellent standards of practice for laboratory medicine as a member of the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee." These certificates are signed by Pamela Graham, Bureau Chief, and Vickie Estes, HFS III.

Vickie also welcomed Dr. Mastick who is attending her first meeting today, and extended our thanks for her willingness to serve on this committee. Our thanks also to Jill Brown, MT, and Sandra Kurtz, MT, for accepting second terms.

Dr. Reeves, as a member of the State Board of Health, also attended today's meeting. Linda Anderson commented on Dr. Reeves' television appearance last week. Pam asked what he was addressing. Dr. Reeves explained that there are some new requirements that the Board of Medical Examiners is considering to be added to the re-licensure requirements that are quite controversial. There were approximately 70 physicians that attended the meeting, and not one of them supported the proposal as it sits right now.

Our next tentative meeting date is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> if we have anything to go to the Board of Health meeting in August.

Jennifer shared information regarding Senate Bill 24. This bill amends NRS 652.190 Examination, review and referral of specimens; reporting of results; recommendation for review of results by physician. This was a "friendly amendment" add-on, to enable the results of tests to be given to the people who can be of the most help to the patient. Dr. Garry is very happy with the new wording for (2) which reads, "Except as otherwise provided in NRS 441A.150, 442.325 and 652.193, the laboratory may report the results of the examination only to the person requesting the test or procedure, a provider of health care who is treating or providing assistance in the treatment of the patient, a provider of health care to whom the patient has been referred, and to the patient for whom the testing or procedure was performed. The laboratory report must contain the name of the laboratory." Dr. Reeves questioned if according to the regulation, can the patient release the results of the test to anyone. Vickie said that once patients have the information, they can release it to anyone. Laboratories must release the information to the person who ordered the test. Linda advised that this item be placed on a future agenda for continued discussion.

Dr. Carrifo suggested that we send personal regards from the committee to outgoing individuals of this committee to thank them for their participation on this committee. There was unanimous agreement with much enthusiasm.

Evelyn told the committee that the National Medical Laboratory of the Year for 2003 award went to the Family Doctors of Boulder City in Nevada. This received a very positive response, which included clapping.

There being no further business, Dr. Garry made a motion, which was seconded by Sandra Kurtz for the meeting to be adjourned. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.